list can be reduced or eliminated.

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Reservation of Gold against Currency Notes

3729. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria, rule and proportion for the circulation of currency notes in the country;

(b) the reserves of gold with the Reserve Bank of India at present; and

(c) the total currency issued for circulation by March 1, 1992 and the denomination thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) According to the information furnished by Reserve Bank of India, circulation of currency notes is governed by Sections 33 and 34 of the Reserve Bank of India Act.

(b) As on 29-2-1992, the gold reserves with the Reserve Bank of India were 350, 923, 241, 01220 fine gms.

(c) The total value of currency in circulation as on 29-2-1992 was Rs. 61,264.5 crores. The denomination-wise details are not readily available with Reserve Bank of India.

Repair of Karmnasha–Dihri–On Sone N.H. in Bihar

3730. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Karmnasha–Dihri on Sone' National Highway in Bihar is not in a traffic worthy condition;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for its development and repair during the last three years;

(c) the amount sanctioned by the Government for the repair of the Highway during the above years, and

(d) the amount actually spent thereon each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER). (a) National Highway No. 2 in Bihar upto West Bengal border is generally in traffic worthy condition. Execution of some of the sanctioned works on this National Highway has got delayed due to a combination of reasons, including strikes, lack of suitable contractors, labour problems etc.

(b) to (c). During the last three years (1988–89 to 1990–91), flood damage/special repair works costing Rs. 34.0 lakhs and improvement works costing Rs. 731.00 lakhs were sanctioned for this stretch, apart from normal maintenance grant.

(d) The expenditure on repairs is given below:

1988–89	Rs. 18.11 lacs
1989–90	Rs. 35.55 lacs
1990–91	Rs. 25.04 lacs